

\$7.98 Suit of Serge or Cheviot, in navy,



\$9.98 Suit of Cheviot or Covert Cloth in gray, tan, and black.

Your Suit.

If one made by your dressmaker is preferred, we point to the 50-inch Tailor

uitings, here, at 75c., instead of \$1

yard. Choice of the scarce greens, blues browns, grays, tans, heliotropes, purples in English Whipcords, Etamines, Covert Cloths, Canvas weaves, Diagonals, Granite Suitings and Cheviots.

Your Silk.

tumes: 68c, yard for charming Taffeta Silks in most wanted styles and colors.

75c. yard for the \$1 Black Silk Brocades

59c. yard for Printed Fouland Silks, the





IS CONCERNING YOUR EASTER COST



\$4.98 Cape of Melton Cloth, in tan, and black diagonal. Velvet collar. So. 98 with Taffeta Silk lining, in glace mings.



\$14.98 Suit of Black Cheviot, skirt, jacket and sieeves lined with indicatope taffeta silk.







are a spring poem in floral effects.

Don't be humbugged, select best linings a yard for the 12c. Percalines of cise where, and 10c a yard for the new season finings in every shade. 19c instead of 25c, a yard for Herringtone Haircloth. 12c for the usual 16c Black Back Selisia and 16c. for 20c. Linen Canvas.

### Your Trimmings.

correspondingly little prices for frogs, single or in sets. 121-20. yd. for importer's sample pieces. Point Lierre and Silk Bourdon Laces, worth 25c. to 50c. a pard: 7 to 9 inches the widths.

#### Your Gloves.

\$1 a pair for white, black, and all the correct shades, in 4-button Kid Gloves We fit these gloves at our risk-but ask a visit early in the week, before the "rush" commences. \$1.50 for best French Kid Gioves, for men and ladies We can fit you best here because this is the one establishment where are styles for those with short and long fingers, thin and niumo hands.

#### Your Parasol.

Think of 1,573, one-of-a-kind exclusiv stries to select from—and not one left over from last year. We can match the shade of your suit or harmonize with your hat—and ask you less prices than elsewhere Comparisons will prove our Parasois, at \$3.98 equal others at \$5, and those at \$2.98 equal others at \$3.50.

#### Your Stockings.

Our importer has handed us his samples and oddhalf dozens of French Novelty Hose, so that we can say 19c for those worth up to 50c pair, and 49c for those worth up to 51.25 pair. Some silk, some lisle, some with lace work, others embruidered; an type air French, hare and Heeting bargains—Hurry.

#### Your Corsets.

\$1 will buy Cornets that are practically as cred as the more expensive, and you'll plan the style best adapted to your figure among this only complete stock of \$1 Corsets. Choice of Thomson's "Give File gains. The flowers will be thing," "R. & G.," "Royal Worcester," C. B., "W. B.," and "Cyclist." Styles for condinary figures and those requiring long whist and short hips, short waist and long laps.

#### Your Hat.

Charging only 50c for making, and supplying you with materials at the prices jobbers ask the merchant-we can furnish a hat like the illustration for only \$5. The price will be less to tomorrow's early visitors-because 25c will secure choice of our importer's sample French flowers, worth up to \$1.50. Then you will find superior untrimmed hats for as little as 50c, and beautiful ribbons in lace effects for only 19c

#### Your Veil.

One of the very little details of your costume, but the most subtle and magnetic of them all. Over one number styles of Paris Veils are here, prices varying from 25a to \$150 cach. Regulars for only 48 cents, those with violet and green dots on white or black spider web meshes.

#### Your Jewelry.

The Belt and Girdle are important factors The Belt and Girdle are important factors and the new ones are pieces of lewelry of rare beauty. Witness these girdles of Etruscan Gold and Enamer, studded with precisus stones, \$3.98 to \$7.98 each. And these lefts of Rob Roy Pland Silk with jewel backles, \$26 to \$1.76. And these of gold and ombre Elastic web, with gilk enamel and jewel buckles, \$86, to \$3.98. Not cheap, but one-third jewelers' prices

#### Your Ribbons.

If you will have the expensive French ribbons you'll find the only complete col-lection here, 48c to \$1.75 a yard, the prices. And if you would profit by the most satisfactory bargains of the season see the new ribbons at 19c and 25c, yard. The widths are 3 to 5 inches, the values are 38c to 50c. And you'll find all the scarce purples, violets, heliotropes, greens, geraniums, cerise and other reds.

#### Your Petticoat.

A sweet-singing Silk Petitional is a lux-ury that creates the greatest of satisfac-tion—and envy. Here are maker's samples at less than wholesale prices—SS 98 in-stead of SI5 for breaden Silk Petitionals that will stand alone; and S7 25 instead of SI0.50 for Binck Silk Petitionals that will almost do so. Note the width, the corded flounces, the velvet facing, the dust ruffle, etc.

#### Your Hdkf.

We'll certainly supply those needing Handkerchiefs—because we can say 13c. Instead of 25c and 35c for warranted pure linen faundered handkerchiefs, but hand embroidered, land drawn and himstitched borders. The reason—The importer who has sold as thousands of dozens for Christmas traite and since, has given us nis odd obsens at a complimentary price. We pass them on to 30g in a like spirit.

#### Your Child.

Mothers shall be quoted special price Mothers shall be quoted special prices for homerow—to induce them to bring the small children before the Easter rush commences 50c for these 68c Homeths and Hatasin white pink and bine \$1.79 for the haby \$ \$2.25 White Cashinners Clonk with braiding and ribbona. 58c for the little boy's \$1.25 Pique Kilt Dresses. 68c for the girl's 85c Batiste Dresses with new style ruffle shoulders and full skirt.

## Your Home.

To adorn your own home or to brighten some other home we suggest for Easter as follows: These exquisite imported Flower Vases of jewel-like glass, with fisral and gold decorations, for only 5% And these large-sine, square-shape Flower Hoders that look like cut glass, for only 25c. And these high Glass Vases in assorted shapes, for only 7c. each. Easter baskets, too, for only 3c., 5c., and 9c.

#### For Presents.

The presentation of Easter Cards has become a delightful fashion. Booklets, too, are selected and specially boundfur the occasion. We think you will find the best variety at the Phinis Royal. We know prices are hearly half those usked at the stationers. And so with noveties, such as eggs and chickens. For sale here in Stationery Department, near lith st entrance

Cloth Skirt, imported. Samples Some Worth \$12.50. Choice for \$8.98.



# THE PALAIS ROYAL,

Mr. Cleveland's Agency Consolidation Order May Fall Through.

Commissioner Evans and Mr. Bliss Look With Disfavor Upon the Plan to Merge Agencies.

The order issued by ex-President Cleveland on February 6, 1897, reducing the number of pension agencies from eighteen to nine, and which it was thought by the last administration would go into effect on September 1, 1897, will probably Henry Clay Evans, Commissioner of Pensions, and Secretary Bliss strongly favor

the adoption of such a course. 11 was maintained by Mr. Cleveland that the consolidation of agencies would result in the saving of several hundred thou sand dollars each year, but the presen Commissioner of Pensions after having investigated the matter and heard the complaints arising from the Representatives of States and the citizens of cities adversely affected by the order of Mr. Cleveland, believes that the present plan

Mr. Cleveland argued that as inasmuch as the act of Congress, approved March 23, 1896, governing the payment of pensions had been so amended as to require all pensioners to be paid by checks remitted by mall, instead of requiring pensioners to be paid personally at the agency, it would be economical to consolidate the agencies so as to reduce their number one half. The agencies at Augusta, Me-, and Concord, N. H., were to be discontinued or merged into the agency at Boston, which agency should comprise the States of Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massa chusetts, Rhode Island, and Connecticut. The agency at Buffalo was to be discon tinued and merged into that at New York

The agency at Pittsburg was to be closed up and merged into that at Philadelphia The Knoxville and Louisville agencies were to be consolidated with the Washington agency, which sho uld cover the District of Columbia, and the States of Delaware, Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Florida, Kentucky, Tennessee, Alabama, Mississippi, Louislana, Texas, and Arkansas. The agency at Detroit was to be discontine and merged into that at Indianapolis. The Milwaukee agency was to be closed up for the benefit of the agency at Chicago, and the agencies at DesMoines, and at Topeka were to be done away with for the benefit

of that at St. Louis.
Naturally, the citizens of the cities desp lated of agencies by this order protested and it is understood on high authority that their influence has prevailed, and that this order of Mr. Cleveland's will never go into effect.

The lecture before the National Geo

#### WANT TO BE AUDITORS.

a great deal of his time to the selection of auditors for the various departments. There are scores of applications for these positions on file, and it is the intention of the Secretary to carefully ascertain the merits and claims of each before making a

Santa Fe. N. M.

GOOD PLACES FOR DRAFTSMEN.

Appointments to Be Made in All

The United States Civil Service Com will hold examinations in all the principal cities of the country, on April 26, to replenish its drafting registers of eligibles. The commission maintains current registers of eligibles for all the drafting positions in the Supervising Architect's office: in the Geological Survey: in the Coast Survey, and in the Bureau of Construction and Repair, Navy Department.

There is a good prospect of appointment ain good grades in the examination.

Attorney General McKenna vesterday asked Congress to pass a joint resolution for an emergency appropriation for the United States courts. He urged Congres to adopt such a measure at once, saying that there is required \$100,000 for jurors' fees, \$24,000 for the support of prisoners, \$40,000 for bailiffs, and \$75,000 for mis-cellaneous expenses. The Attorney General says that without this appropriation there will be great embarrassment in the courts next month.

Cattle Pens Complained Of. A. S. Platt recently complained to the aissioners, through the health office, of the unsanitary condition of the District cattle pens, situated at the southeast corner of Ohio avenue and Twelfth street, and yesterday the board issued an order designating Capt. Lansing Beach, a health officer, to make an inspection of the premises and report their condition.

The Commissioners Reject Bids. The Commissioners issued an order yesterday rejecting all of the bids recently received for the construction of the heating and ventilating apparatus for the Western High School. New specifications are to be drawn, embodying the system approved by the inspector of buildings, and proposals are to be again invited

Mr. Carlisle in the City. Hon John G. Carlisle, after having paid ex-President Cleveland a three days' visit at Princeton, N. J., returned to this city vesterday. He will join Mrs. Carlisle at Hot Springs, Va., tomorrow.

Two years ago R. J. Warren, a druggist at Pleasant Brock, N. Y., bought a small supply of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy. He sums up the result as follows: "At soppy of Chamberlain's Cough Remedy.

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that time the goods were unknown in
this section; today Chamberlain's Cough
Remedy is a household word." It is the
same in hundreds of communities. Whereever the good qualities of Chamberlain's
Cough Remedy become known, the people
will have nothing else. For sale by true. will have nothing else. For sale by drug-

## MUSHROOM CULTIVATION

Process of Growing Them Is No Dark Secret.

The Agricultural Department Tells How to Raise Them-A Profitable Employment for Women.

sued a farmers' bulletin, devoted to the culture of mushrooms. The pamphlet, which overs twenty pages, was written by William Falconer, and is issued under the supervision of the Division of Vegetable Physiology and Pathology. The mushroom of commerce, as is ex

plained in the introduction, is practically the fruit of the mushroom plant and not the plant itself, as some might be led to believe. The plant proper is a white or bluish white mold, called mycellum, or, in | True, many mushroom growers do much garden language, spawn, that grows in fields and manure piles. In its younger stage it becomes a network of threads, and it is from the joints on these threads that the mushroo In growing the crop, therefore, it is im portant to keep the inscellum, or spawn, alive and spreading, and where this is done the production of mushrooms is sure to follow.

Mushrooms are a winter crop, coming it from September till April or May-that is, the work of preparing the manure begins

or November and ends in May. Under extraordinary conditions, the season may begin earlier and last longer, and, in fact, it may continue all summer.

Mushrooms are easy to grow, and begin-ners are often as successful with them as are those having an extensive experience. Success depends upon general conditions, good materials, interest in the business, intelligent management and persistent application. However, all these conditions are just as necessary in the successful and profitable raising of sheep, poultry, fruit, engebroom industry. Askie from prepar The Department of Agriculture has just is a clean crop to handle and occupies little space, and, so far as the general routine attention required by the beds and the gathering, sorting, packing and marketing of the mushrooms are concerned, the women of the household can do the work as well as the men.

There is a widespread Impression that mushrooms that the whole procedure is shrouded in mystery, and that the mus rooms have even to be grown in midnight darkness; but this is a mistaken idea. to foster this idea by carefully withholding all information as to their methods of growing the crop and persistently refusing to open their doors to anyone.

Parmers who desire to collivate the plant may find in the bulletin just issued complete details, both for growing in cellura and in specially constructed buildings

Ex-Congressman Aidrich Confident. Ex-Congressman Frank Aldrich, who is Belgium, and who has the backing of in September and ends in February, and the pucking of the crop begins in October peets soon to receive the appointment. Speaker Reed, said yesterday that he ex-

## Stern's Peremptory Retiring Sale!

Buying people are realizing that this is a sale of much importance, mas much as a direct and generous saving is made upon every purchase. This is a brand new stock, which is being sold regardless of cost or value, and it will pay you to buy for future use.

25c Silks, all kinds19c
39c Silks, all kinds23c
49c Silks, all kinds 36c
75c China Silk, 28 inches wide,
in white, cream and black 44c
75c Gros Grain, in navy and
garnet 44c
98c Velvets49c
40c Veivets22c
\$1.25 Silk-finished Black Hen-
rietta 69c
49c Dress Goods, black and
colored 36c
39c Dress Goods, black and
colored
25c Dress Goods, black and
colored
10c Dress Goods
6c Dressmaker's Cambric3c
10c yard-wide Rustling Lining C
the Sand wine manning raining to the

1216 yard-wide Percale. 1234c Dimity and Lawn .... 10c best Dress Gineham. 6 to best Apron Gingham ... Sc Domet flantel..... 454c 6c Toweling crash, - 3c 6c yard wide Unbleached 25c rod Table Damask. 13c 35chaff bleached Table Linen .. 22c 75c half bleached Table Linen. 44c 90c White Spreads ... 59c 90c Bankets ..... \$1.40 Dress Shirts. 49c Laundered Waists. 27c 35c Infants' Caps ... 23c \$1.49 Infants' Conts. Sc Luces, all kinds..... 6c Enthroidery .....

STERN'S, 904-906 SEVENTH ST. N.



\$12.98 suit of mixtures and cheviota;

GONZAGA'S GREAT BAZAAR

It Will Open in the College Hall Next Monday Week.

to Liquidate the Debt on the Building-Ladies of St. Aloysius' Parish Extremely Active-List of the Committees and Booths.

In order to liquidate the debt still resting on the beautiful new hall of Gonzaga College, the ladies of St. Aloysius' parish have undertaken to hold a fair upon a more claborate scale than ever before. It will open on Monday, April 26, andno pains have been spared by those who have taken the matter in charge to make it as attractive as possible to everybody. The beautiful new hall will will be handsomely decorated, and the tables and the booths artistically draped. The following is a list of the committees and the tables and booths:

General committee-Messrs. D. Con nell, T. A. Rover, Thomas Kirby, Joseph Kummer, Joseph S. Moss, E. V. Murphy, F. A. Van Reuth, M. J. Falvey, V. W. Power, M. A. Keane, John Rudden, John Conner, J. Raedy, D. Raedy, J. M. A. Spottswood, Dr. A. J. Schafhirt, T. Cavanaugh, James Fullerton, A. B. Coppes, James E. Connelly, John Moran, P. J. Haltigan, John R. Kelly, Dr. Lochbochler Thomas Fealy, James McGuire, M. F. Talty, A. B. Eichborn, John Eibert, John Fuller, B. Bridget, Stephen Talty, jr., James Ferry, Dr. Daly, J. J. Roach, Ed. Voigt, P. Dillon R. E. Sullivan, P. J. Nee, P. Gregan, J. F. Lofton, J. Dierkin, R. F. Downing, A. Gleeson, J. B. Nesbitt, W. T. Stermont, J. Becker, Aloysius Fennell, C. F. Eckloff, J. A. Hazel, Edward Gross, William P. Smith J. W. Koob, C. Krogman, Dr. F. F. Repettl, Dr. D. D. Mulcabey, Isidore Dyer, Prof.

Cassel, and T. McNamee. Committee on special entertainment— Miss Kate Lackey, Miss Annie McMenamin

and Mr. M. J. O'Mealey. Committee on floor-George P. Dowell, R. C. Lohmyer, Edward P. Schwartz, Thomas P. Kennelly, William J. Quinlan, Charles J. Bogan, Simon Fennell, R. J. Hale, Frank Preston and David Thomas Committee on press - Joseph Kummer, M. O'Malley, Miss Naunte M. Lancaster, William T. Stormont, Milton E. Smith.

Mr. and Mrs. Mortimer Downing and Mr. E. V. Murphy. on law and order-Lieut. J F. Kelly, chairman; Albert Sillers, Mr. McNamara, James O'Connor, Edward Pur-cell, James Fitzgerald, James Lawler, Mr. Souder, Dellas Loftus, Daniel Sullivan and John Hollohan.

mittee on bowling alleys-W. H. McGrann, Joseph Hill, and Patrick J. Committee on electric fish pond-M. J. O'Malley, chalrman. Committee on illuminations—Joseph Kum

mer, chairman; J. R. Galleway, J. M. Bergen, M. Matthews, and Lee Graham. Committee on dancing M. A. Keane, T. P. Kennelly, J. T. Trapp, J. B. Fitzpatrick, T. J. Keady, B. H. Lehmann, T. J. Guiney B. Werle, W. Hoeke, C. Cutsail.

S. J., and Prof. R. C. Cassell. Committee on building stands — John Hazel, chairman; T. McMahon, John Siss.

Gonzaga College table, Sunday-school annex-Miss Mary Scanian, assisted by the Misses M. Brooke, J. and M. Mulcabey, Lizzie and Kate Brosnan, Lilly and Madge Fiannery, Joste Curtin, Irene Dyer, Mat-tingly, Mamie and Lou Connor, Nellie Humphrey, Mamie and Kate Quinlan, Sallie Flaherty, Agnes Ashe, Katie Wolfe, Lizzie Dillon, Nellie Donnelly, Mesdames Norris, Blundon, Farrell, Hayes, Brown, Foley, Quinlan, Newman, Wolf, and Lattinn. The Catholic Club annex-M. A. Keane,

T. P. Kennelly, J. T. Trapp, J. B. Fitz-patrick, T. J. Keady, B. H. Lehmann, T. J. Guiney, B. Werle, W. Hoeke, C. Cstsail. Sodality table-Miss Nellie B. Raedy assisted by Misses Maggie Williams, Mary Katie Soleau, Margie Feeney, Mary Sofrey, Margaret Scanlan, Katharine Swee ney, Marie Thompson, Katharine Loving, Neille Knighton, Mary F. Dawson, Moille E. King, Mary Shogrue, E. Lyons, Annie Barrett, Annie Murphy, M. Lyons, Sallie

Doyle, Mrs. M. Preston, Miss Josephine and Sallie Doyle and Miss Gallagher. The athletic booth (sodality annex) -Mrs. R. Perry Miller and Mrs. Edward Flaherty; assistants, Mrs. F. S. Cahill, Mrs. Paul Hines, Mrs. Hugh Cosgrove Miss Katle O'Connor and Miss Mary Bald-Hat and coat room and bicycles in charge of sodality table.

table-Managers: Misses M. Walsh, M. Montgomery and M. McNamara; assistants, Mrs. Dr. O'Riley, Mrs. T. P. Hartigan, Mrs. M. Brecht, Mrs. J. Rudden Mrs. J. R. Hurley, Mrs.-M. Mitchels, Mrs. Lawler, Misses M Schermerhorn, M. Guiney N. Preston, F. and J. Killigan, M. Mo-Namara, E. Fulmer, E. Corrigan, N. Brosnahan, C. Hanna, A. Connor, K. R. Boyle, K. Kehoe, Mary and Alice Mattingly, Annie and Blanche O'Connell, Carrie Montrose, M. Dawson, Lottle Nibbs, Kate Walsh, M. Smith, A. Connor, N. Connors, Mesdames

Hazel and Mrs. Hamtiton. Catholic Knights' booth-In charge of Miss Marry Rainey, assisted by the Misses Mary Dore, Mary Lyons. B. C. O'Neil, Lizzie Corcoran, Kate and Ella Lyons, M. O'Connor, Joe Cox, Fillis Lynch, Jane McNamara, Lizzie Groves, Maggie and Katie Gleeson, Mesdames Sheiby, Thomas McNamee, Collins, Carson and M. F. Halloran

Lemonade well-Mrs. K. Durkin, the Misses Barbara Milrick, Mary Brahler, Mary Coughlin, Agnes Cudmore, Mary Adams, Manae Gorman, and Maggie, Ma mie and Katle Dore. Oriental booth-In charge of Miss Julis

Babbington, Maggie Brosnahan, Jeanette Jackson, Lilly Kelly, Susic Waters, Tillie Bergin, Mary Mack, Janie Ward, Julia Sallivan, Pauline Reichenbacher, Helen Talty, Katte Lackey, Rena Downing and Mrs. M. F. Talty.

Apron booth-In charge of Miss Mary

Kinsella, assisted by Mesdames Lansdal . J. Byrne, Misses Joe Barry, Margaret Cremen, Mary Scanlon, Filen Handebeau bergher, Annie Brooks, Mary Jouvenal. spronce.

Linen booth-In charge of Miss Mamie Wolfe, assisted by the Misses Annie O'Con-Mysterious booth-Misses Barbara and Lizzie Menke, Katie and Dana Heron. Doll booth-In charge of Miss Margaret McMahon, ansisted by the Misses Hart, Emily Grady, Catherine McMahon,

Neilie Lyons, Mary Hartnett, Mary Curtin, Joe Lyons, Mary O'Neil, Mary Dolan,

van, Mary Bolans and Mary Jones. Postoffice-In charge of Mrs. James Lawler, assisted by the Misses Bertha Mc Carthy, Bessie and Teresa Gorman, Katie

and Agnus Quinn, and Cecilia Coyle. Butterfly booth Misses Veronica Kummer, Katherine and Addie Rover, Saille

Pritchard, Mary Keppel, Florence Ferry and Nellie McCabe. Alumnae table-Miss Annie C. Ready, PREPARING FOR THE EVENT

Von der Leer, Mabel McCarthy, Kate
Conley, Annie Hill, Mollie Becker, Annie
Cosgrove, MaggieConnor, Mary Murth, Mary
F, Neligan, R. E. Sullivan, T. A. Rover, James Becker, A. B. Coppes, H. E. Hull Misses Mary Coyle, May Walsh, Mary Mo Menamin, Annie McMenamin, Bessie Shafer, Annie Meeban, Maggie O'Brien, Delia Costello, Mollie Daly, Minnie Campbell, Mary Bergin, Katie Raedy, Gertrude Baden, Annie Lansdale, Rose L. Conner, Cecilia V. Coppor, Amanda Gallege and

> Lemonade booth -Mrs. J. Francis Ferry and Mary E. Foley.
> Peanut booth-Miss Hortense McGowan

Annie Hart.

and Mrs. Charles J. Bogan. Electric fish pond-Mr. M. J. O'Malley, assisted by Mr. Thomas Fitzgerald. Confectionery table-Miss Bertie Reese. assisted by the Misses Mamie Flynn, Maggie O'Brien, Belle Turkington, Phinic Lipscomb, Lizzic Kelly, Annie Kelly, Kate Costelle, Mamie Riordan, Loretta Briceland,

and Mamie Turkington. Each evening during the fair special entertainments will be arranged, and the assurance is given that every visitor will spend a delightful evening, so that, aside will be great inducements for the public

to attend.

Planked Shad at Marshall Hall. For a number of years the management of the Mt. Vernon and Marshall Hall Steamboat Company have, during the spring months, been giving the regular planked shad dinners each Sunday at Marshall Hall. Judging from the large number of people who visited the Hall the last two Sundays it is quite evident that these dinners are still very popular. The shad served in this particular style is undoubtedly the finest in this part of the country. The celebrated Marshall Hall clam chowder is served with these feasts, and is itself a very fine dish. Today the steamer Macalester will make two trips, leaving Seventh street wharf at 11 a. m. and 2 30 p. m. Returning, leave the Hall at 1:10 and 5:30 p. m.

Death of a District Official.

Newman W. Wilkerson, for many years the steam engineer at the District buil died last night at his late residence, No. 228 Second street northwest, in the fiftieth year of his age. The funeral will occur on Monday. Mr. Wilkerson had been a sufferer from consumption for a number of months, and since November last was unable to attend to his duties at the municipal building. An arrangement was made by employing a substitute to carry him on the rolls during a part of his illness, but ecently Capt. Howell was appointed engineer and placed in charge.

Suit Against Bondsmen.

The Vermont Marble Company, of New York, by Attorneys Needham and Catton W. W. Winfree, with Augustus Burgdorf and George A. Sheehan as surcties, to recover the amount alleged to be due from his contract with the United States for ment hall at the Soldiers' Home, in this District. The amount of the claim against Winfree is stated to be \$7,835, while the penalty stipulated in the bond, under which the suit is brought, is \$25,000.

### PROTESTS OF PENSIONERS

is the cheaper.

Geographic Society Lecture.

graphic Society Monday afternoon next, in Columbia Theater, will be on "Constanti nople," by Prof. Edwin A. Grosvenor, of Amberst College, author of the recen standard work on the historic city. Prof. Groevenor was for many years connected with Robert College, near Constantinople, and has had the most complete oppor tunities to become familiar with the city and all the interesting associations that cluster around it. His lecture will be handsomely illustrated by lantern-slide

Mr. Gage to Consider the Claim of Various Applicants. This week Secretary Gage will devote

change. day before, and was as follows: A. G. Miller, Vanceville, La., to be appraiser of perchandise at New Orleans; J. F. Scanlon, at Chicago: E. B. Dungan, Philadelphia, to be assistant appraiser of merchandise at Philadelphia: Richard Hudson, Silver City,

Leading Cities.

to remunerative positions for those who

Money Needed for the Courts.